V.I.P. security

1039. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the code of Special Protection Group (S.P.G.) relating to the security of VIPs and who are the VIPs provided with the S.P.G. at present; and

(b) whether there is any other security arrangement for VIPs alternative to the S.P.G.; if so, who are the persons provided with it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Special Protection Group Act, 1988 (No. 34 of 1988) regulates the functions and role of the Special Protection Group (SPG). The SPG was created for providing proximate security to the Prime Minister and members of his immediate family. Accordingly, at present, only the Prime Minister and members of his family are provided protection by the SPG. The security arrangements for other VIPs/protected persons are provided by the State/UT Police forces, where the VIPs/protected persons happened to be Some VIPs' security is supplemented by personnel from Central Police Organisations on a need basis.

Killings in violence in Assembly polls

1040. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons killed in poll violence in Assembly elections, Statewise held in February, 1990; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from concerned States/Union Territory and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Censorship of Films

1041. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the regular release of motion pictures which have serious effects on the young impressionable minds;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to suitably amend the guidelines for censorship; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) From time to time Government receive complaints about released films alleging that they have a bad effect on the young impressionable minds. However, all films intended for public exhibition in India are examined by the Central Board of Film Certification in accordance with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952) and the guidelines issued thereunder. According to these guidelines, the Board shall, while examining films for certification, ensure *inter alia* that—

(i) anti-social activities such as violence are not glorified or justified;

(ii) the modus operandi of criminals or other visuals or words likely to incite the commission of any offence are not depicted;

(iii) pointless or avoidable scenes of violence, cruelty and horror are not shown; and

(iv) human sensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity and depravity.

Moreover, films that are considered unsuitable for exhibition to non-adults are certified for exhibition to adult audiences only.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details are now being worked out.

Kashmir situation

1042. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's perception of the present situation in Kashmir; and

(b) what steps have been taken to meet the threats to India's unity and integrity there?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The present situation in Kashmir is very serious.

(b) Vigorous steps have been taken to tackle the law and order aspect, to restore the authority of the Administration and to initiate political and economic measures to bring back the people into the national mainsteam. Vigil on the border has been stepped up and diplomatic efforts have been initiated to contain the outside interference.

Formation of smaller States

1043. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during a visit to Maharasthra in January 1990, the Prime Minister advocated the formation of smaller States;

(b) whether Government plan to undertake any re-organisation of the States; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The Prime Minister, while talking to newsmen at Nagpur, had stated that National Front Government favoured creation of smaller States, but he had also pointed out that re-organisation of States would depend on political possibilities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation of Ministerial Staff Association of ITBP

1044. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 278 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th December, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Ministerial Staff Association of Indo-Tibetan Border Police has represented against their combatisation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's response to each of the points raised therein;

(c) whether the combatisation in the ITBP is on similar lines as that in the Central Reserve Police Force, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the reasons for closing promotional avenues for